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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

It is nice to know that birds can read The Times-Virginian. Last week I mentioned that sparrows and such were visiting my windowside smallbird feeder, but unlike years past, no chickadees. Within hours after the paper appeared, four chickadees showed up and partook of my offerings. Advertisers please note.

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"I wonder What's Become of Sally" was a popular song some years ago. I heard there was a town named Sally in South Carolina, so I got off a letter in 1971, and Brother C. Able, a grocer there, wrote me about the "Chitlin Strut." The town has a population of about 500 and spells its name "Sallye," and every year for thirteen years has a big chitterling feast. Last Saturday was the day,and twenty thousand people enjoyed five tons of chitterlings and side dishes.

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Saturday morning I drove up Confederate Blvd. early and spotted two gentlemen tending a huge outdoor kettle and stopped to see "what's cooking." Bros. Ray Johnson and Roy Lloyd, of the Church of God of Prophecy had been up since 3 a.m. preparing Beef Stew for sale. So . . . I became the first customer and the stew was delicious.

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Seem to be devoting today's column to food, but it is a popular subject, Thanksgiving through Christmas. Englehief reported eating grits at a local restaurant and that is a fine item on any Southern menu.

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As I write (Monday) we are having a nice drizzling rain. From my notepad had been saving a line for the occasion . . . "Life's wash is dripping slowly on the line."

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Football remains very much with us. And will be as post-season bowl games take command. The high school where I taught in the late twenties, Onancock, on The Eastern Shore, plays host Saturday to Clintwood for the State Group A title. Heavens to Betsy, when I was there. Onancock did not play football and the campus was not large enough or level enough to have a football field. Ah yes, this Saturday is the date for the annual Army-Navy game. Biggest crowd I was ever in was at an Army-Navy game. We went to Philly with thousands of fans. I've forgotten, but I think Navy won, as they are picked to do Saturday. The Cadets and Midshipmen put on a fabulous show, and that is what I remember. The big moment is when the student bodies parade onto the field, the opening ceremonies, the National Anthem, and you are so proud. From one side the Cadets cry out . . . "Poooour Ole Navy" and from the other side the Midshipmen respond . . . "Poooor Ole Army" and you see the Army mule and the Navy goat and suddenly you do not need cheerleaders, for you are cheering for America.

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And then, down the stretch to Christmas. Greeting cards are appearing in the mail box. Letters to Santa Claus better be ready. Anyone have any extra mistletoe? Check the tree light bulbs. Do not overlook the sick and shut-ins. Mail early and wrap packages carefully, using tape. Save addresses. So much to do, and so many choices to be made, but it is the great moment for peace, fellowship, goodwill, remembrance and faith . . . and it is just around the corner. Thanks for reading and seeya next week.

ACHS Seniors Recognized

Janet Booker and Warren Austin, seniors at Appomattox County High School, were recently recognized for their outstanding performance in the National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students. They were among more than 60,000 participants who took the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test in 1977 and who requested consideration in the 1979 Achievement Program. On the basis of their outstanding performance on the test, Janet has been named a Commended Scholar and Warren has been named a Semifinalist in the Achievement Scholarship competition.

Janet is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Booker of Gladstone, Va. As a Commended Scholar she ranked in the upper 2% of all students in the competition. She has been accepted at Virignia Polytechnic Institute and State Univeristy and plans a career in Business Administration. Warren, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Erman Austin of Concord, Va., may now become a finalist and compete for Achievement Scholarships. He plans to attend a state university and major in engineering.

Attended S.S. Annual Stockholders' Meeting

B. J. Lucado of Appomattox represented Southern States Cooperative's members at the association's 55th Annual Stockholders' meeting held in Richmond, Va., November 15 and 16.

Also attending the session was Dan G. Coleman, representing Coleman & Sons, local Southern States retail outlet.

They heard Executive vice president and general manager, John J. Feland, report that, total dollar volume for the fiscal year ended last June 30, topped $379 million. This was an increase of about $7 million over the previous year.

Feland also told the business session at the Mosque Auditorium that net savings came to $7,800,000 after income taxes, down $2.8 million from a year ago.

Poor weather conditions in Southern States' operating territory throughout the past fiscal year, start-up problems at the two new Kentucky feed mills and the prolonged coal strike were several factors directly affecting earnings, Feland reported.

A progress report on the Texas City (Tex.) Refinery fire May 30 shows recovery efforts are moving along satisfactorily, Feland said. Southern States is part owner of the refinery. By Oct. 10, the refinery was partially processing crude oil above the rated capacity of 130,000 barrels per day. Full restoration of the refinery has been set for late 1979.

Southern States reached a milestone in mid-summer with the completion of its new headquarters building west of Richmond. The cooperative moved from its home of 31 years at Seventh and Main streets.

Feland shared the reporting at the session with Gene A. James, senior vice president-operations, and Beverley W. Armstrong, vice president-finance.

James told the delegates that total feed sales reached 574,000 tons for the year, compared to 580,000 tons a year ago. Formula feeds reached a new high since broiler contracting was discontinued in the early 1960's, with total tonnage topping 522,000 tons, up 3.6 per cent over the previous year.

Fertilizer volume hit 626,000 tons, down from the 700,000 tons in 1976-77.

Seed sales stood at $20.5 million, up 2 per cent over the $20.1 million recorded the year before.

Miscellaneous farm supply sales totaled $77,700,000, up 8 per cent from the $71,900,000 mark of last year.

Petroleum volume was up for the year by 15 million gallons to a total of 236,000,000 gallons.

James told the session that the 119 affiliated petroleum and farm supply cooperatives, whose fiscal years end Dec. 31 instead of June 30, showed sales of $188,000,000 and net savings of $7,800,000. Both of these figures were almost identical with those of last year, James said.

The cooperative's retail branch operations had a sales increase of 8.7 per cent to a total of $113,900,000. Net savings of the branches, however, totaled $1,500,000 down from the $4,200,000 of the

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Feast for Thanksgiving

Tuesday, November 21 was "The First Thanksgiving" for Mrs. Meadow's Kindergarten class. A group of Pilgrims and Indians concluded their study of the history of Thanksgiving with a great feast. Each child brought one example of something that may have been eaten at the first Thanksgiving. The menu consisted of apples, fresh cranberries, corn muffins, pickles, raisins, carrots, nuts, and popcorn. Although some arrived attired for the feast, all made Indian or Pilgrim head dresses with the assistance of the aide, Mrs. Booker. Above standing are J. P. Wilson, Robin Fuller, Lori Harris, Rhonda Womack, and Jason Carter; and sitting Rodney Thompson, Zaneta Moore, and Amy Slade giving thanks for successful crops harvested. Eating the feast by candlelight set the mood for an authentic "First Thanksgiving."

WOW PLANS CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Camp 71 and Grove 6073, Woodmen of the World, will have its annual Christmas banquet on December 2, 1978 at 6:30 p.m. at the WOW hall. All members are invited.

The ladies are asked to bring their favorite dessert. We look to see you on December 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Ralph Reynolds

School Board To Meet December 6th

The Appomattox County School Board will meet in regular session in the Board Room in Appomattox on Wednesday, December 6, 1978, at 3:00 p.m.

Items on the agenda will include review of social studies competencies recommended for Appomattox County students; review of factors influencing the 1979-80 school board budget; consideration of revised special education policies; report on Title IV-C Career Guidance Project; attendance report for November; and financial report.

Board members will meet for lunch and visit in several schools prior to the regular meeting at 3:00 p.m. They will meet at the School Board Office at 12:00 noon and go to one of the schools for lunch.

REACT TO MEET DECEMBER 3

Central Virginia React will hold its monthly meeting at Farmers National Bank, Triangle Plaza Branch on Sunday, December 3, at 2:30 p.m.

You are invited to attend this meeting and learn more about React.

4-H Share-the-Fun Thursday Night

The Appomattox County 4-H Share-the-Fun program will be held Thursday night, November 30, beginning at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of Appomattox County High School. Over 20 Share-the-Fun acts will be presented in the form of a variety show. The 4-H'ers performing have been selected from over 100 acts presented in preliminary programs. Performers will range in age from 9 to 18.

Make your plans to attend. Invite your friends for an enjoyable evening as you see some of the finest young talent in Appomattox. Admission will be 25c per person.

Christmas At Red Hill

The Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation will again sponsor the annual Christmas program, "Red Hill By Candlelight", on Sunday evening, December 17 from 4 through 7 p.m.

Red Hill Shrine will be decorated in the traditional colonial style using berries, pine boxwood, cedar, holly and ivy from the grounds of Red Hill. Patrick Henry's home will be illuminated by candles throughout the house and also outside.

The Patrick Henry Museum will also be decorated, and hot apple cider and fruitcakes will be served in the Museum Library.

Tours of the Museum and Shrine will be conducted by hostesses in colonial costumes throughout the evening. A local choir will sing Christmas carols. An admission fee of $1 for adults and 50c for children will be charged to tour the Shrine. This fee includes refreshments. The Shrine and Museum will remain decorated throughout the holidays.

The Patrick Henry Museum and Shrine are located five miles east of Brookneal, off Route 40 in Charlotte County.

December 1 - Deadline For Keep Virginia Green Contest

Just a reminder that December 1st is the deadline for this year's Keep Virginia Green poster contest. The annual contest is open to all students in grades 1-12 and prizes totaling $9,200 will be awarded. The prizes include 739 student awards, judged at each grade level, plus four school and twelve teacher awards.

To enter, students must submit a 11" wide by 14" tall poster on the general theme of "Keep Virginia Beautiful". Entries should be mailed to the Virginia Forestry Association, One North Fifth Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, before December 1, 1978.

In addition to the $3,200 prize money, an extra $2,000 is available for student winners who identify their posters with signature cutouts from the 1978 KVG bookcovers. Extra bookcovers with signature cutouts for increased prize money are available from the Westvaco Office on Court Street.

The contest is sponsored by the Virignia Forestry Association in cooperation with the Virginia Division of Forestry and Division of Litter Control.

Golden Merrymakers To Perform For Women's Club

The "Golden Merrymakers" from Lynchburg will perform at the regular meeting of the Appomattox Women's Club on December 4th at the Memorial United Methodist Church.

The "Golden Merrymakers" are a group of senior citizens whose purpose is to bring joy and happiness to others. These enthusiastic entertainers, whose ages range from 60 to 90 years, are really something to see.

The group has performed at the White House and Disney World as well as many major cities in the United States and Canada.

All Woman's Club members will want to make a special effort to attend and to bring a friend.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTORS TO MEET DECEMBER 5th

The Appomattox County Chamber of Commerce will hold a Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, December 5th, at 7:30 a.m. at the John Mosby Inn.

Important business topics will be discussed. All Directors are urged to attend.

Santa is a Watt Watcher

The public is invited to attend special programs planned by the Consumer Services Department of Southside Electric Cooperative on Thursday, November 30th to be held at the Appomattox County Extension Office.

These programs scheduled throughout the SEC service area during November and early December will emphasis good energy management, a guide to help consumers use electricity more wisely.

Betty Douglass, Consumer Service Advisor, will show some simple and easy decorating ideas and suggest party and menu ideas. Don't miss this informative program.

IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED FOR SECONDARY 650 IN COUNTY

Bids for 19 construction, repair, and maintenance improvement projects will be received Tuesday, December 19, by the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation in Richmond.

One of the bids will be for grading, draining, and paving one mile of two-lane roadway on an improved alignment on Secondary Road 650 in Appomattox County and a 152-foot-long bridge to replace an obsolete bridge over Falling River south of Appomattox.

Make Sod Planting Your Ace

The game of farming is much like a game of cards. There are numerous chances the farmer must take in order to come on top. Today's farmer is faced with an assortment of challenges. High demand for farmland for both agricultural and non-agricultural uses makes purchasing farmland difficult for most. Inflation is making life difficult for farmers and non-farmers alike. Energy and machinery costs have risen disproportionately. Environmental awareness in the form of pollution controls loom at the horizon.

Few farmers would have the influence to reduce the rate of inflation, lower energy or machinery costs, lower the price of farmland or negate federal mandates to control erosion and clean up the nation's streams. But there are solutions to some of these problems - things that you as an individual farmer can do. The greatest opportunity to produce more grain on fewer acres, using less labor and energy seems to be double cropping. Double cropping is producing two crops on a field the same year. Corn planted into barley stubble is a good example of double cropping. Whether single or double cropping is used, there are many advantages to no-till or sod planting.

We talked with several farmers who are successfully using no-till. Kenneth Doss of Rt. 2, Appomattox likes no-till because the land is firmer at harvest time. "I can even cut silage in the rain if I need to," he said. He also noted that no-till corn suffers less from drought and the land doesn't wash.

William Hix of Hixburg has had good success with no-till when the ground is moist enough to get the corn seed into the ground. "A rain after the sod is killed but before planting helps in getting a stand," he notes. "We plan to continue doing some sod planting," he says.

E. W. Carson of Rt. 4, Appomattox, likes the conservation benefits from sod planting but points out several disadvantages. "It takes about 10% more seed to get a good stand," he states. He also believes that paraquat, the contact herbicide used to kill sod is too expensive. New competitive herbicides are needed. Carson believes that no-till is most practical in stubble planting or in small grain cover. "It takes half as much paraquat for stubble as needed for fescue," he says. With so many good things in favor of no-till or sod planting, why is it losing ground? One farmer said "I just like to plow." O. H. Tolley of Tolley's Liquid Fertilizer at Pamplin supplies much of the herbicides for the area. He may have the best answer. He said that sod planting started off several years ago with a "Bang." Farmers thought they could sod plant anywhere. They planted in briar patches, bushes and all sorts of unsuitable cover. When their crop failed, they were unhappy with sod planting. "Chemical company representatives tell us that sod planting is on the increase in most areas," Tolley adds.

When we consider the assortment of conservation practices that can be used to increase production, conserve soil moisture and reduce soil erosion and stream pollution, sod planting looks like an ace. If you haven't tried it, why not give it a try. If you've had a failure with it, we at the USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS) would like to talk with you about the possible reasons it didn't work for you. Services of the USDA SCS are available to all cooperators of the Robert E. Lee Soil & Water Conservation District.

"ARISE" - New Name For Central Virginia Mental Health Services

The outpatient drug and alcohol program of Central Virginia Mental Health Services has a new name, a new location and a new director.

E. Hugh Ragland of Richmond has been named Director of ARISE, the merged new program of CASE (Community Alcohol Services and Education) and DASH (Drug Abuse Services Hub). The program is located at 2800 Old Forest Road in "Grandma's House."

Dr. Robert D. Gardner, Executive Director of Central Virginia Mental Health Services, announced Mr. Ragland's appointment. Mr. Ragland succeeds Sue Holland, who directed DASH and was serving as Acting Director of ARISE. She is now the Director of Consultation and Education for CVMHS and is located at 1010 Miller Park Square. "We are very happy to have Hugh Ragland with us. He comes to Central Virginia with a background of experience in substance abuse and mental health which makes him well suited to integrate ARISE with our total program of services," stated Dr. Gardner.

New new name, ARISE is not an acronym. It was chosen to denote new beginning and to get up and out of the dependence on drugs and alcohol and to come into a new beginning or being.

CASE and DASH were merged into one substance abuse program on July 1. The transfer of CASE was from the State Division of Substance Abuse to the direct control of the Chapter 10 Services Board (known as the Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services Board of Central Virginia.)

ARISE provides outpatient substance abuse treatment and prevention for all citizens of Central Virginia, which includes Planning District 11 (cities of Lynchburg and Bedford and the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford and Campbell). Its hours are 8 to 5 daily with appointments scheduled in the evenings.

Mr. Ragland, age 51 and a native of Richmond, holds a BS degree from the University of Richmond, a BD degree from Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C. and holds a certification from the Department of Counseling from the Medical College of Virginia.

His experiences have included the ministry with his having served several Christian (Disciples of Christ) and Baptist Churches. He was a chaplain at Medical College of Virginia, Richmond Memorial Hospital and Petersburg General Hospital.

From 1967 to 1974 he served as a rehabilitation counselor and chief counselor with the Virginia Department of Corrections. For two years he served as a counselor and supervisor of ancillary services at Westbrook Psychiatric Hospital in Richmond. He also had three years experience at Tucker Psychiatric Hospital in Richmond. He served as a visiting teacher at the Presbyterian School of Education in Richmond for two years.

His employment prior to joining ARISE was Director of the Rubicon Alcoholism Treatment Center in Richmond. He supervised staff and administered this federally funded program.

Mr. Ragland has three grown children. His hobbies include camping, drawing, sketching and tennis.

CASE, the local outpatient clinic, was operated for many years under the Division of Alcohol Services of the Department of Health. It was transferred to the Division of Substance Abuse of the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation in January, 1977.

DASH, the local drug abuse outpatient program, began in July, 1974, as a program directly operated by the Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services Board of Central Virginia (Chapter 10).

ARISE offers outpatient individual, group, family and parent counseling, jail counseling, prevention programs such as SODA (Students Organized for Developing Attitudes) and Peer Group Counseling in the middle schools, a First Offenders Juvenile Marijuana and Alcohol Program, adult probation screening program, Employee Assistance Program, and medical consultation for substance abusers, and ASAP group counseling.

As a response to the 1976 Virginia Legislative Mandates of House Bill 872 and Senate Bill 149, requests from local community service providers and governmental units and representatives of the local 1976 Drug Abuse Task Force, the Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services Board of Central Virginia considered these proposals of transferring the Community Alcohol Services (CASE) to Chapter 10. The main purpose of the merger is to provide a more comprehensive quality outpatient substance abuse program at one location. With the combining of staff and resources, it is hoped that there will be more flexibility in use of and availability of staff and in resources the program can offer.

Grandma's House has rooms for meetings and houses the staff of six counselors, three secretaries, a preventive specialist, a medical doctor and a program director.

An open house at ARISE is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Treasurer's Office Open Saturday

The Treasurer's Office will be open Saturday, December 2, 1978, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon for the convenience of county taxpayers, according to Mrs. Ida H. C. Campbell, Treasurer of Appomattox County.

Deadline for paying your county taxes in December 5. After that date, a penalty will be added to your tax.

You can also buy your 1979 dog tags at this time if you so desire. Deadline for buying dog tags is January 31, 1979.

UNUSUAL OBJECTS - Roger Franklin of Route 3, Appomattox is shown holding a yellow jacket nest he got out of the attic at the A & B Hunting Club. Yellow jackets usually build nests below ground, however, the split in the middle of this nest shows where it hung from a rafter in the attic. The nest measured four feet ten inches around and is the largest anyone in the area has ever seen. To make sure he killed all the yellow jackets before getting the nest down, Franklin went into the attic in the dark and sprayed the nest with gas. Only two or three yellow jackets came out to a near-by flashlight. None stung Roger and for this he was very grateful.